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CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rio de Janeiro

3 July 1972

Stephen Low, Esquire
Director, Brazil Desk
ARA/LA/BR
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Low:

Minister Boonstra has written to ask me to clarify the events which took place in Rio and São Paulo last December concerning Danny Lee Grant, and to summarize Mr. David McGrath's memo of April 12, 1972.

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On the day Grant was arrested, December 3, I received an anonymous telephone call saying that an American, William Cahill, had been shot and was at the Sousa Aguiar Hospital. I went there immediately; "Cahill" was in surgery. I then went to DOPS, who claimed they had no information; that the case was being conducted by the São Paulo police. I called again the next day and was informed that the prisoner was using the documents of William Cahill, i.e., immunization record and travelers checks, but that he was, in fact, a Central American named Ezekiel Luna. At this point, I took no further action. [redacted] asked me about Cahill, I told him that Cahill, according to the police, had left for Buenos Aires and that the prisoner being

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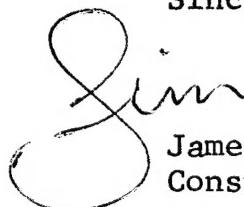
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held was not an American. I heard nothing further about this case from any source until I received a call on February 29, 1972, from an employee of the Helio Gomes prison who wished to remain anonymous, saying that a Danny Lee Grant wanted to see the Consul. The rest of Grant's saga is covered by Rio's various telegrams on the subject.

Sincerely,


James W. Reardon
Consul

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